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Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
United States District Court for the District of
Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: US v. Microsoft proposed final order

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

The proposed consent final judgment for USA
versus Microsoft will be an ineffective remedy
for the abuse of Microsoft's monopoly power.

If a remedy is to be composed to prevent the abuse
of Microsoft's monopoly, then the remedy must address
Microsoft's means of maintaining their monopoly,
extending their monopoly, and abusing their monopoly
power. Specifically, Microsoft should be compelled
to:

- Open their file formats (an important tool in
maintaining and extending their monopoly)
- Publish communication protocols between objects
embedded in office productivity documents
- Interoperate with other vendors (they punish any
of their customers who attempt to use other vendors)

This is not a complete list of needed remedies.

Also, the proposed consent final judgment doesn't do
anything to punish Microsoft for their crime.

Please accomodate the American public and punish
Microsoft and make a meaningful remedy to their
means of extending, maintaining, and abuse of their
monopoly.

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